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SUBJ: DEATH OF EUGENE DAYHOFF, UN EMPLOYEE

TO MRS LEONORA FARINOLA
TWO WEST RIVERCREST
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77042

1. DEEPLY REGRET WE MUST CONFIRM DEATH OF YOUR BROTHER EUGENE DAYHOFF IN ONE-CAR ACCIDENT EVENING AUGUST 10 REPEAT 10 AS HE WAS BEING DRIVEN IN UNITED NATIONS CAR AFTER DARK FROM BENIN TO GHANA. ACCIDENT HAPPENED ABOUT TWELVE MILES EAST OF CAPITAL OF LOME, TOGO, WHEN FRONT TIRE EVIDENTLY STRUCK HIDDEN POTHOLE AND DAMAGED STEERING MECHANISM. REAR TIRE BLEW AND CHAUFFEUR LOST CONTROL OF VEHICLE. EUGENE WAS KILLED INSTANTLY; TWO GHANIAN UN EMPLOYEES IN CAR WERE SERIOUSLY HURT BUT WILL RECOVER.

2. THIS EMBASSY IS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH SENIOR UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE HERE IN TOGO, DR PETER MOLT, BUNGALOW 4A, HOTEL DE LA PAIX, TELEPHONE LOME 62-65. MRS DAM DAYHOFF HAS REQUESTED EUGENE'S REMAINS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS BE SENT TO HOUSTON, AND WE UNDERSTAND SHE BOARDED PLANE IN DAKAR FOR HOUSTON ON AUGUST 13. DR MOLT HAS ADVISED THIS EMBASSY THAT UNITED NATIONS WILL BEAR TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES OF EUGENE'S REMAINS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS.

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3. YOU CAN ASSIST US IN HANDLING TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT FORMALITIES AND SPEEDING SHIPMENT OF EUGENE'S REMAINS BY CONTACTING ELIZABETH WILLHELM, ROUTE ONE BOX 64, DICKENSON TEXAS, WHOM DAM DAYHOFF HAS ASKED TO CHOOSE HOUSTON FUNERAL HOME AND TO FORWARD NAME AND ADDRESS OF HOME TO AMERICAN EMBASSY LOME. WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN HELPING HER MAKE THESE DECISIONS,

SINCE NEITHER WE NOR UNITED NATIONS CAN MAKE
FINAL ARRANGEMENTS WITHOUT FUNERAL HOME NAME AND ADDRESS.

4. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WILL CABLE TIME OF ARRIVAL
AND FLIGHT NUMBER OF PLANE CARRYING EUGENE'S REMAINS TO MRS DAY-
HOFF AT YOUR WEST RIVERCREST ADDRESS.

5. MAY I EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU IN
YOUR BEREAVEMENT. WILLIAM B YOUNG CHARGE D'AFFAIRES,
US EMBASSY, LOME. YOUNG

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